

Principal Linc October 9.2009

Congratulations to our new Student Service Council Representatives:

Grade 3 - Heather Frate, John Reid, Allison Walsh, Tyler Johnson, Patrick Massman, Christopher Bayiates and Emily Costello;

Grade 4 - Robbie Falso, Kasey Stuart, Ciara Campbell, Seth Willens, Matt Nardone, Julia Doherty, James Spina, and Sydnie Fernsebner;

Grade 5 - Daina Bonilla, Juni Terry, Richard Toelke, Alexis Costales, Chris Wilson and Mary Fallon.

Parent Conferences

By now you should have received and returned your parent conference slips. They are helpful in letting us know that you will be able to keep your appointment. If you intend to use the babysitting services, note that this year you should preregister to use these services.

Teachers as Learners

The faculty of every school came together on September 21st for a day of professional development. The keynote speaker, the workshops and the lively discussions were inspiring. Lincoln staff members attended forums on everything from ENOboard training to brain research. The faculty also met twice this month. On October 6, we watched a PowerPoint presentation by Lauren Garneau focused on behavioral strategies. This Tuesday, grade level teams identified word study skills that they want to focus on this year. The time spent on professional growth translates into more effective and fulfilling teaching.

Fire Safety

This is Fire Safety Month. Captain Rick Tustin talked to the students about fire safety practices. He also asked the children to remind parents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and practice a family escape route.

Flu Clinic

Lincoln's Seasonal Flu Clinic will be held October 20. The first elementary clinic was held yesterday at Lynch and went very smoothly. The school clinics for H1N1 will take place in November. This time you will receive information/permission slip in the mail rather than electronically.

Michael Fowlin

Grade 3-5 will visit McCall on Monday, November 13, to hear Michael Fowlin speak about diversity and respect. This program is being sponsored by the Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition with substantial funding from the Community Schools Association. Mr. Fowlin spoke to McCall students last year and is being brought back by popular demand.

Xeroxing

If anyone would be willing to do some xeroxing for staff members on Monday mornings, please send me an email. Besides being a great time saver for staff members, the machines behave better when fewer people use them -especially fewer harried teachers.

Welcome

Welcome to Jim Grant, our new custodian. He will take over the third shift (1:00-10:00) vacated by Rick Lombardo.